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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Sep 01, 2021

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS ALEX MORRISON, JR.,

Defendant.

No. 1-21-CR-02032-SMJ-1

ORDER FOLLOWING INITIAL
APPEARANCE AND
ARRAIGNMENT AND SETTING
DETENTION HEARING

****USMS ACTION REQUIRED****

On Wednesday, September 01, 2021, Defendant made an initial appearance and was arraigned based on the Indictment (ECF No. 1). With his consent, Defendant appeared by video and was represented by Assistant Federal Defender Paul Shelton. Assistant United States Attorney Michael Murphy represented the United States.

Defendant was advised of and acknowledged Defendant's rights.

The Office of the Federal Defenders was appointed to represent Defendant.

Defendant pled not guilty.

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1 The Court directs the parties to review the Local Criminal Rules governing
2 discovery and other issues in this case. [http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/court-
info/local-rules-and-orders/general-orders](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/court-
3 info/local-rules-and-orders/general-orders).

4 Under federal law, including Rule 5(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
5 Procedure, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and all applicable decisions
6 from the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit interpreting *Brady*, the United States
7 has a continuing obligation to produce all information or evidence known to the
8 United States relating to guilt or punishment that might reasonably be considered
9 favorable to Defendant's case, even if the evidence is not admissible so long as it is
10 reasonably likely to lead to admissible evidence. *See United States v. Price*, 566
11 F.3d 900, 913 n.14 (9th Cir. 2009). Accordingly, the Court orders the United
12 States to produce to Defendant in a timely manner all such information or
13 evidence.

14 Information or evidence may be favorable to a defendant's case if it either
15 may help bolster the defendant's case or impeach a prosecutor's witness or other
16 government evidence. If doubt exists, it should be resolved in favor of Defendant
17 with full disclosure being made.

18 If the United States believes that a required disclosure would compromise
19 witness safety, victim rights, national security, a sensitive law-enforcement
20 technique, or any other substantial government interest, the United States may

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1 apply to the Court for a modification of the requirements of this Disclosure Order,
2 which may include *in camera* review and/or withholding or subjecting to a
3 protective order all or part of the information.

4 This Disclosure Order is entered under Rule 5(f) and does not relieve any
5 party in this matter of any other discovery obligation. The consequences for
6 violating either this Disclosure Order or the United States' obligations under *Brady*
7 include, but are not limited to, the following: contempt, sanction, referral to a
8 disciplinary authority, adverse jury instruction, exclusion of evidence, and
9 dismissal of charges. Nothing in this Disclosure Order enlarges or diminishes the
10 United States' obligation to disclose information and evidence to a defendant under
11 *Brady*, as interpreted and applied under Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit
12 precedent. As the Supreme Court noted, "the government violates the
13 Constitution's Due Process Clause 'if it withholds evidence that is favorable to the
14 defense and material to the defendant's guilt or punishment.'" *Turner v. United*
15 *States*, 137 S. Ct. 1885, 1888 (2017) (quoting *Smith v. Cain*, 565 U.S. 73, 75
16 (2012)).

17 A detention hearing was scheduled for Thursday, September 02, 2021 at
18 1:30 PM in Yakima, Washington, before **Judge Dimke appearing by video**.
19 Pending the hearing, Defendant shall be detained in the custody of the United
20 States Marshal and produced for the hearing. The United States Probation/Pretrial
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1 Services Office shall prepare a pretrial services report prior to the hearing and shall
2 notify defense counsel prior to interviewing Defendant.

3 DATED September 1, 2021.

4 s/Mary K. Dimke

MARY K. DIMKE

5 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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